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Memorandum for the Director's Log

26 June 1953

Mr. Houston attended a meeting held by Senator Watkins sitting as the subcommittee to take hearings in Executive session on S. 1917 to permit 240,000 refugees from the Iron Curtain into this country. Testimony was given by State, Immigration, CIC and Mr. Houston concerning the security aspects of the bill and the additional burden it would impose in money and manpower. It was agreed that the Bureau of the Budget would compile a report on that burden and all present indicated that this bill provided greater security against entry of subversives than any previous enactment. It was emphasized that CIA support in this respect is an adjunct of its primary intelligence functions and that it is not an investigative agency within the meaning of the Act.

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